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Hollister Police Investigate Attempted Murder

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *October 4*, 2010 – The Hollister Police Department is investigating an attempted murder that occurred on the evening of Friday, October 1, 2010. The attack is believed to be gang-related.

At about 11:30 p.m. Hollister police received a report of the attack, which occurred near the intersection of Pine and South Streets. Upon arrival, Hollister police officers found a 21-year-old man suffering from stab wounds and severe lacerations to his upper torso and neck.

Witnesses reported that a group of young men ranging from teenaged years to early 20's approached three men sitting in the area. Members of the group asked the three men about their gang affiliation. Although the men denied being in a gang, the group attacked all three men. Two of the men managed to escape, but the third unable to do so. He was beaten about the head, chest and back. He was also stabbed multiple times and severely cut with a sharp knife or instrument He was flown to a bay area trauma center and was listed in serious but stable condition.

The group of suspected gang members fled the area on foot yelling "Norte" as they ran away. They were described as wearing a dark pants and white shirts, with most of them also wearing predominantly red clothing.

Police are seeking persons with information that will identify anyone in the group that attacked the unarmed man. According to state law, any member in the group who participated in the attack may be charged with conspiracy to commit attempted murder.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Detective Dave Anderson at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call the National **WeTip** Anonymous Hotline at **1-(800)-78-CRIME**. Informants to the National WeTip Anonymous Hotline may be eligible for a reward.

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